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LaGrange City Council Approves 2022-2023 Budget No City Property Taxes Since 1998

LaGrange, *Ga. June 22*, *2022* – The LaGrange City Council approved the 2022-2023 budget Tuesday evening. City leaders have once again voted to not levy a city property tax. There has not been a city property tax since 1998.

To keep from levying a property tax this year, city leaders elected to discontinue curbside recycling service beginning August 1st. Blue recycling cans will be picked up by the Sanitation Department to be reused for garbage service. Monday, August 1st customers are asked to leave their recycling bins by the road for crews to pick them up. Customers wishing to continue recycling plastic, aluminum and paper goods can drop them off Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the City's Recycling Center located at 530 South Davis Road. Residents can request an additional trash bin or a larger trash bin.

The current recycling service has been subsidized for many years by other city services and was projected to lose more than \$150,000 in the upcoming budget. Recycled items are transported to Columbus for processing where labor costs and other expenses exceed revenues gained by the reclaimed materials. The Mayor and Council reviewed the

program and determined that it is in the economic interest of the citizens as a whole to discontinue the curbside pickup of recycles.

Contact the Public Works Department with any questions or concerns at (706) 883-2100.

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